

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF**CASE NO.**

Kevin Johnson

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2005-0065

CONSENT ORDER

Following a preliminary hearing on July 29, 2005, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Kevin Johnson had violated the Ethics in Government Act, and Kevin Johnson (hereinafter known as "Respondent") was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Now prior to an Administrative Procedure Act hearing in this matter, the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree and consent to the following terms to resolve the pending case by Consent Order.

The Respondent, a registered lobbyist, failed to file one or more lobbyist reports in violation of the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-73. The Commission considered the following actions by the Respondent in determining that there were reasonable grounds that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated:

- 1) Respondent's failure to timely report as a lobbyist;
- 2) Respondent's failure to file subsequent to the Commission's electronic communication of a notice of delinquency in reporting;
- 3) Respondent's continued failure to comply by not reporting in response to the Commission's letter of May 26, 2005, notifying the Respondent of the intention to revoke the lobbyist's registration and seek the imposition of civil penalties unless the lobbyist came into compliance within two weeks of the date of the letter; and
- 4) Respondent's failure to appear at the Commission's July 29, 2005 meeting as ordered by subpoena.

FAILURE TO FILE LOBBYIST DISCLOSURE REPORTS

The Respondent is a registered lobbyist on behalf of The Trust for Public Land. As a registered lobbyist, the Respondent is required to electronically file Lobbyist Disclosure Reports with the State Ethics Commission.

The Respondent admits failure to timely file Lobbyist Disclosure Reports for the following periods with the State Ethics Commission in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-73:

**January 2005 (State)
February 2005 (State)
March 2005 (State)
January 1 – April 30, 2005 (Local)**

SANCTION

The Respondent agrees to pay a single civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from personal funds within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. The Respondent is further ordered to file all delinquent reports subject to this enforcement action.

The Respondent consents to the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and agrees to comply with all terms of this order.

The Respondent is ordered to cease and desist from any and all violations of the Ethics in Government Act, and is ordered to comply with all provisions of this order.

The State Ethics Commission accepts the foregoing admissions, statements, and conclusions of law as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Commission orders compliance with all terms of this order.

Signature of Kevin Johnson attested
to on this 29th day of MARCH, 2006.

By: Margaret Johnson

RESPONDENT:

[Signature]
Kevin Johnson

SO ORDERED this 30th day of March, 2006.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: [Signature]
Steve Farrow
Chairman